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SUBJ: U.S. CITIZENS INJURED IN CAR WRECK CURRENTLY RECUPERATING  
IN DURANGO, DGO.

1. LOWELL RAETHER AND HIS MOTHER CELIA RAETHER, BOTH U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING IN LOWELL RAETHER'S VEHICLE WITH THREE NON-U.S. CITIZENS WERE IN AUTO ACCIDENT NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 4 ABOUT 40 MILES FROM DURANGO ON THE ROAD TO MAZATLAN. NON-CITIZEN OCCUPANTS OF THE CAR DEPARTED WITH ALL DOCUMENTATION AND FUNDS OF THE GROUP TO SEEK ASSISTANCE. BELIEVED THEY PROCEEDED TO MAZATLAN, BUT THEY NEVER RETURNED. RAETHERS TAKEN TO DURANGO WITH THEIR CAR SEPTEMBER 5 BY FEDERAL HIGHWAY POLICE WHERE RAETHERS HOSPITALIZED. LOWELL RAETHER SUFFERED BROKEN LEG NECESSITATING CAST AND ELEVATION. CELIA RAETHER APPARENTLY BROKE FINGER ON HAND BONE AND NOW HAS CAST ON LOWER ARM. RAETHERS HAVE NEVER BEEN DETAINED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND ARE PRESENTLY STAYING AT THE CAMPO DE MEXICO COURTS HOTEL, DURANGO, DGO. ROOM 10, PHONE 1-56-60. RAETHERS PLAN TO RETURN U.S. BY PLANE VIA MAZATLAN WHEN FUNDS BEING SENT FROM U.S. ARRIVE.

2. THE FOLLOWING PARTIES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE INTERESTED IN THE RAETHERS' WELFARE: AUNT OF MR. RAETHER - MRS. NYE, CANOGA PARK, CA. PHONE 213-347-0174; RATHER'S EX-WIFE: GERALDINE M. RAETHER, 8813 SAN RIO DRIVE, BUENA PARK, CA. PHONE: 714-827-4056.  
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MRS. GERALDINE RAETHER SEPTEMBER 5 SENT FUNDS TO COVER HOSPITAL BILLS AND ON SEPTEMBER 8 SENT ADDITIONAL U.S. 750.00 VIA REGISTERED MAIL DIRECT TO RAETHER AT HIS TEMPORARY DURANGO LOCATION.

3. PRESENT CONDITION OF RAETHERS: CELIA RAETHER BETWEEN 75 AND 80 YEARS OF AGE HAS LAPSES OF MEMORY, BUT ACCORDING TO SON THIS NOT UNUSUAL, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF HER ADVANCED AGE. LOWELL RAETHER

IMPRESSED CONSULAR AGENT AS BEING REPETITIVE IN HIS SPEECH AND NERVOUS, BUT AGENT DOUBTS THIS RESULT OF ACCIDENT. THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE NO UNUSUAL OR UNDULY COMPLICATED MEDICAL PROBLEMS ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION WE HAVE AT THIS TIME.

4. SINCE RAETHER ENTERED MEXICO THROUGH CIUDAD JUAREZ WITH A CAR HE IS BEING ADVISED TO HAVE REMAINS OF VEHICLE DEPOSITED WITH FEDERAL AUTHORITIES AND TO SECURE APPROPRIATE LETTER TO THIS EFFECT TO CARRY WITH HIM AT TIME OF THEIR DEPARTURE.

5. DURANGO CONSULAR AGENT HAS SEEN RAETHERS AND WILL ASSIST IN DETAILS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE FOR MAZATLAN AND THE U.S. THERE IS A FINE OF PESOS 700.00 FOR DRIVING AT EXCESSIVE SPEED AND LOSING CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE SETTLED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM DURANGO.

FOR MAZATLAN: WILL ADVISE THE CONSULATE IF THE REATHERS LIKELY TO NEED ANY ASSISTANCE WHEN TRANSITING MAZATLAN AND THEIR ITINERARY WHEN KNOWN.

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